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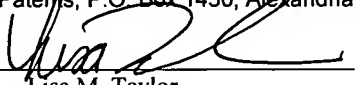
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RESPONSE & AMENDMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 24, 2005. The Examiner has examined claims 1-21 and 27-39. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.